

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/684,808	HU ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Michael Cuff	3627	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to 10/2/06.

2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,5,7-11 and 13-17.

3.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:

1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.

3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached  
    1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

(b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of  
    Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| <p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),<br/>    Paper No./Mail Date <u>20060616</u></p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br/>    of Biological Material</p> | <p>5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br/>    Paper No./Mail Date _____.</p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment</p> <p>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.</p> |
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### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Marilyn Khorsandi on 4/26/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 19, the phrase "make and model" has been replaced with – scale configuration information --.

Claim 1, line 21, the word "adapted" has been replaced with – configured --.

Claim 13, line 13, the word "adapted" has been replaced with – configured --.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-11 and 13-17 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1, 7 and 13 recite a very specific method of using a digital scale. It is important to note that the steps sequentially build on each other. For example in claim 1, instructions are sent according to information previously received about the scale configuration. Carroll et al. (us patent 6,356,882) shows the closest prior art by having a digital scale at the client being controlled by active X automation. However, the interaction between the web server and the client are different. The examiner believes

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that it would be hind-sighted to try to modify the Carroll reference to meet the limitations of the current application claims. Claims 3, 5, 8-11 and 14-17 are dependent upon claims 1, 7, and 13.

The "iShip.com raises \$3.4 million from Draper Fisher Jurvetson, Intel Corp. and United Parcel Service" shows, from the IDSs, a NPL reference of interest.

The INFOSPINNER, Inc reference, WO 97/40617 shows, from the IDSs, a foreign reference of interest.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Cuff whose telephone number is (571) 272-6778. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 to 5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ryan Zeender can be reached on (571) 272-6790. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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